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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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for METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF SUBSTANCES MIMICKING MAMMAL EPITOPES. The application comprises a 27-page specification, including 19 claims (2 independent) and Abstract and 3 sheets of drawings.

Also accompanying this application for filing is:

Preliminary Amendment to Lessen Fees.

A certified copy of German Application No. 199 64 046.7, filed 30 December 1999, will be filed in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently.

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